



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Headquarters, Landstuhl Dental Activity

CMR 402

APO AE 09180

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

MCDS-EUL

22 June 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR All L-DENTAC Personnel

SUBJECT: Landstuhl Dental Activity (L-DENTAC) Policy Letter 04-13, Treatment of Civilian (Non ID Card Holder) Dental Emergency Patients in Landstuhl Dental Activity (L-DENTAC) Treatment Facility

1. Reference: AR 40-3, Medical, Dental and Veterinary Care, dated 12 Nov 02.
2. To prescribe policy regarding the treatment of civilian dental emergency patients.
3. Scope: This policy letter applied to L-DENTAC treatment facilities.
4. Policy: Referenced regulation states that civilian patients not authorized care at Army dental treatment facilities will be treated during a period of dental emergency to prevent undue suffering or loss of life. In applying this guidance to individuals visiting our soldiers in Europe, maximum consideration will be given to the prevention of undue suffering, to include the mental suffering of attempting to secure dental care in a foreign environment. Accordingly, visitors presenting with actual dental emergencies will be treated immediately. Patients will pay at the civilian emergency rate and will be seen as soon as possible to prevent undue suffering as described above. Care provided will include required examinations, consultations, relief of pain, bleeding, or swelling and medications, but will not include elective procedures or definitive restoration that can be safely deferred until the patient departs the European Theater.
5. Proponent: Questions concerning this policy may be addressed to the Chief, Patient Administration Division or the undersigned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark E. Peacock", is positioned above the printed name.

MARK E. PEACOCK
Colonel, DC
Commanding